

**INSTRUCTION**Interscholastic Competition**A. Athletics**

Interscholastic athletic programs approved by the Stafford County School Board shall be available to eligible secondary and middle school students. Interscholastic athletic activities are not permitted in the elementary schools. Interscholastic athletic activities in grades 9-12 shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the Virginia High School League as approved by the board.

The primary considerations in all decisions regarding student athletics shall be the safety, health and welfare of the student.

All interscholastic athletic schedules must be approved in advance by the school board.

**B. Other Interscholastic Competition**

All other competition between secondary schools governed by the Virginia High School League shall be conducted in accordance with its rules. The board encourages this type of competition and, when necessary, will support it within the financial limits of the budget.

Editor's Note

For student eligibility requirements see school board policy #7-45.1.

**Legal Reference:** Through June 30, 1999

**Regulations of the Virginia Board of Education, "Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia" 8VAC 20-131-200. B. "Competitive sports of a varsity nature (scheduled league games) shall be prohibited as a part of the elementary school program."**

**Virginia High School League, Inc. Handbook (updated annually).**

Adopted by School Board: March 24, 1987

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